

# IN SUPPORT OF THE BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Build Back Better Act, which makes critical investments to green our economy and protect our environment.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform's portion of this bill provides nearly \$12 billion to transition Federal fleets, including the Postal Service, to electric vehicles, making the United States a leader on climate change by building an environmentally friendly fleet of the future.

I am especially pleased that we have included dedicated funding for implementation of the President's Justice40 Initiative, a commitment to ensure that at least 40 percent of the benefits of infrastructure investments go to communities most impacted by environmental injustice.

The Build Back Better Act is a crucial piece of legislation that will promote equity and protect our environment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support it.

# IN SUPPORT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL STUART SCHELLER

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Scheller is an American patriot who dared to speak the truth.

He knew that a 4-minute and 45-second video could bring his storied 17-year career in the United States Marine Corps to a screeching halt, but he did not care.

He laid it all down and spoke truth to power.

He said what every other service-member knew in their heart was true: The incompetence of the Biden White House cost American lives.

Their sin was unpardonable and deadly. Lieutenant Colonel Scheller called them out, but they couldn't handle the criticism.

He was ordered to undergo mental health screening because he stood up to incompetence. Today, right now, this very second, he sits behind bars in my home State of North Carolina, shackled in a military brig, while those who orchestrated Biden's incompetent Afghanistan withdrawal walk free.

Mr. Speaker, this is a stain on our Nation's conscience. Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Scheller must be released.

# IN SUPPORT OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bipartisan infrastructure package.

We have heard the stories of cracked roads, crumbling bridges, flooded farm fields, even kids doing homework from fast food restaurants so they can gnom onto the internet access.

Sadly, this isn't the exception. It is the status quo, and it is time to fix it.

In my corner of Illinois, 1 in 10 bridges is classified as structurally deficient, 1 in 3 roads is rated in poor or mediocre condition, and 1 in 4 households don't have internet access of any kind.

Our communities deserve much better than this. Americans deserve much better than this.

Now is the time to think boldly in this once-in-a-generation investment in rebuilding America. Now is the time to create millions of good-paying union jobs. Now is the time to lay the foundation for the economic opportunity for years to come.

There is plenty of work left to do. But if we do it together, we can get it done.

# CONSTITUENTS WILL REMEMBER THE RESULTS, NOT THE PROCESS

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, in the coming days and weeks, the Democratic Caucus will have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make transformative change for our children. But if you turn on the news, you will see, instead, a narrative about winners and losers within our party.

This is not about winners or losers in the Democratic Party. It is about delivering together on our bold vision. Our constituents are going to remember the results, not the process.

That is why we have to come together to make good on our commitment to address the climate crisis, to invest in infrastructure and create jobs, and to lower costs for working families through tax cuts, support for early education, and healthcare.

We have an obligation to pass both the Build Back Better Act and the bipartisan infrastructure framework, and we are going to get both done, strengthening our country and creating a better future for our children.

# COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DEUTCH) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 28, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II

of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 28, 2021, at 9:38 a.m.:

Appointment:  
Smithsonian American Women's History  
Museum Advisory Council.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk.

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# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to (H.R. 3684) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will redesignate the Senate amendment and redesignate the motion to concur.

The Clerk redesignated the Senate amendment and redesignated the motion to concur.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES) each have 10 minutes remaining.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the Speaker of the House.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and, more importantly, I thank him for his tremendous leadership. His understanding of infrastructure in our country and the way to build it in a green way to honor our commitment to our children is something that is a blessing to the Congress.

For decades he has served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and he has done so in a way that has taken us into the future.

But we haven't had a bill in a while, and so I thank him for his INVEST in America Act that he had earlier that is not all reflected here, but nonetheless hopefully we will see some provisions in the Build Back Better Act.

I rise in support of the bipartisan infrastructure bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which is about jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs. Support for this legislation is bipartisan, bicameral, and respectful of the needs of workers and communities across the country.

Following the vision of President Biden, the bipartisan infrastructure bill addresses a great need in America which has been neglected for decades, as I mentioned. Our roads, bridges, and water systems are crumbling. Some water systems are over 100 years old. Mr. Speaker, made of brick and wood.